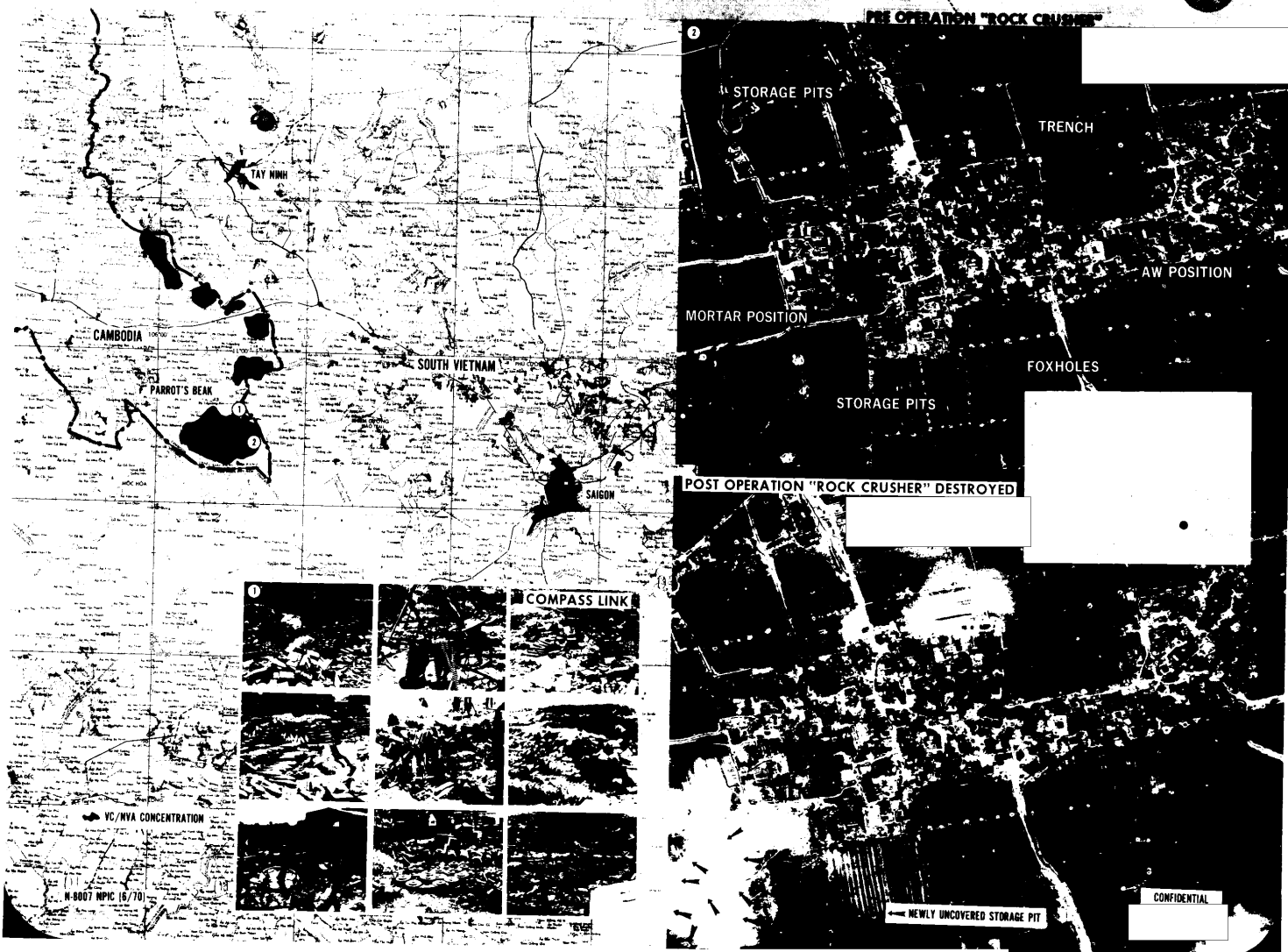


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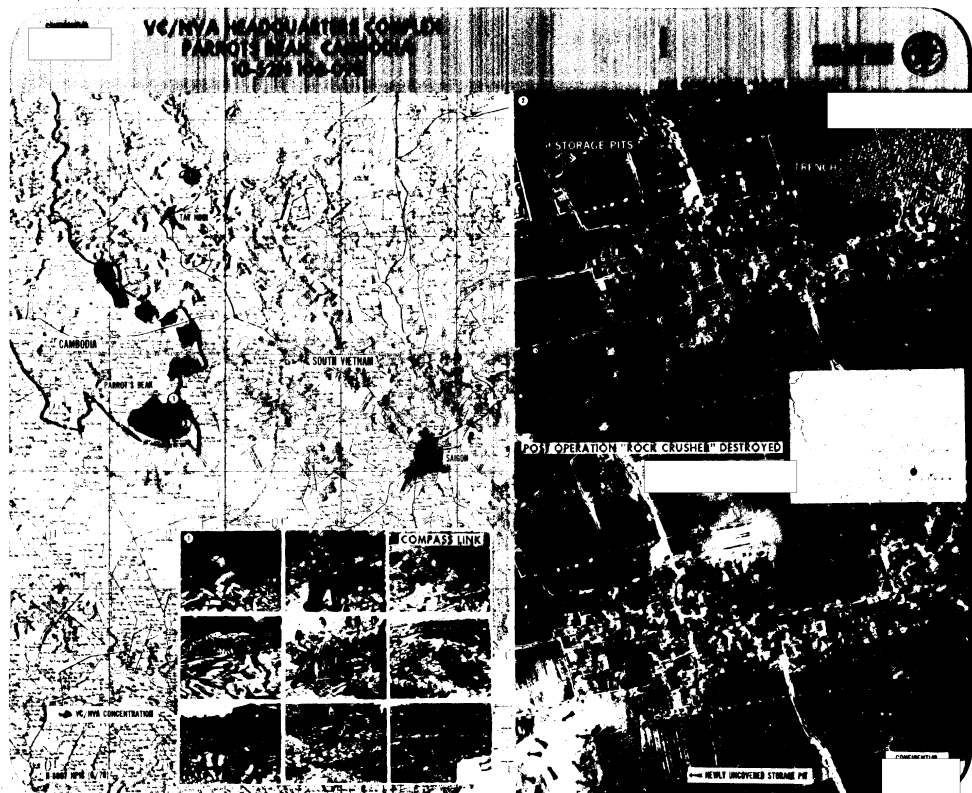
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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS GRAPHIC DEPICTS THE RESULTS OF THE  
SUCCESSFUL ARVN-LED CROSS-BORDER OPERATION  
"ROCK CRUSHER" WHICH TOOK PLACE IN THE SOUTHERN  
PORTION OF THE PARROT'S BEAK, CAMBODIA IN EARLY  
MAY 1970.

2. BACKGROUND:

THE PARROT'S BEAK JUTTING INTO THE MEKONG DELTA  
AREA OF SOUTH VIETNAM, HAS BEEN USED AS A  
SPRINGBOARD FOR ATTACKS AGAINST SAIGON, 35  
NAUTICAL MILES (NM) EAST-SOUTHEAST, AND TAY NINH,  
19 NM TO THE NORTH. PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE  
CONFIRMING COMMUNIST USE OF THIS AREA DATES BACK  
TO 1965. CONTINUAL ENEMY EXPANSION CULMINATED IN  
EARLY 1970 WHEN THIS AREA CONTAINED THE LARGEST  
CONCENTRATION OF ENEMY FORCES EVER OBSERVED THERE.

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THESE CONCENTRATIONS WERE DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT SIX MAJOR AREAS AND INCLUDED OVER 6500 STRUCTURES, TRANSSHIPMENT AND STORAGE CENTERS, ENCAMPMENTS, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE WEAPON REPAIR AND MUNITION'S MANUFACTURING FACILITIES, TRAINING CENTERS, AND COMMUNICATIONS STATIONS, ALL OF WHICH WERE DEFENDED BY AN ELABORATE NETWORK OF TRENCHES, FOXHOLES, AND AUTOMATIC WEAPON AND MORTAR POSITIONS. A PROBABLE HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX, LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF BATHU VILLAGE, WAS IDENTIFIED WHEN COMPARATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY OF MARCH AND OCTOBER 1968 REVEALED THE FACILITY HAD EXPANDED FROM 40 TO 180 BUILDINGS, STORAGE PITS, ROW CROPS, AND NUMEROUS DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

3. MISSION READOUT: [REDACTED] REVEALS THAT THIS COMPLEX AND RELATED FACILITIES IN THIS AREA OF THE PARROT'S BEAK HAVE BEEN RAZED. EXCESSIVE CRATERING, WHICH WOULD NORMALLY INDICATE AERIAL OR ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT IS NOT OBSERVED, SUGGESTING THIS WAS SOLELY A GROUND OPERATION. GROUND PHOTOGRAPHY AND SUMMARY REPORTS ALSO INDICATE A GROUND OPERATION ONLY.

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P.O.W REPORTS STATE THAT COMMUNIST MILITARY SUB-REGION II, WHOSE AREA OF OPERATIONS EXTENDS FROM SAIGON TO THE CAMBODIA BORDER, HAD KNOWN AN ATTACK WAS IMMINENT TWO DAYS PRIOR TO MAY 1, BUT TIME WAS TOO SHORT TO EFFECTIVELY ORGANIZE WITHDRAWAL AND DEFENSE PLANS. REPORTS FURTHER STATE THAT THIS MILITARY SUB-REGION LOST MOST OF ITS PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES IN THE ENSUING ATTACK. A COMPASS LINK PHOTOGRAPH (INSERT A) DEPICTS ONE OF THE CACHES UNCOVERED IN THE PARROT'S BEAK. THIS PARTICULAR CACHE WAS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX AND CONTAINED 60MM, 80MM, 120MM MORTARS, 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLES, 120 AND 140 MULTI-ROUND ROCKET LAUNCHERS, FLAME THROWERS, HEAVY MACHINE GUNS, AK-47 AND SKS RIFLES, PPSH SUBMACHINE GUNS, HAND GRENADES, ANTI-TANK AND WATER MINES AND EXTENSIVE STORES OF MUNITIONS.

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